

## Answer on Question #42209, Math, Topology

**Problem.** Prove that intersection of two dense subsets is again dense subset.

**Counterexample.** The sets  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} + \sqrt{3}$  are dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology, but their intersection  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (\mathbb{Q} + \sqrt{3}) \neq \emptyset$  isn't dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution.** This fact is true if only one of this subsets is open. Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. Suppose that  $U$  is a dense open subset of  $X$  and  $D$  is any dense subset of  $X$ . If  $V \in T$  is a non-empty open set in  $X$ , then  $V \cap U \in T$  is a non-empty open set.  $D$  is a dense subset of  $X$ , so  $(V \cap U) \cap D \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $V \cap (U \cap D) \neq \emptyset$  and indeed  $U \cap D$  is dense in  $X$ .